

Minutes of a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on
March 20, 1998 in H 769

Present: Mr. R. Côté, Chair, Ms J. Hackett, Secretary, Mr. H. Zarins, Dr. S.M. Graub, Ms A. Siano, Ms J. Brathwaite, Ms C. Hughes, Ms A. Ghadban, Ms. C. Blackwood, Mr. J. Edwards, Mr. A. Feldman, Ms M. West, Ms C. Cogger, Mr. D. Hinton, Mr. W. Kennedy, Mr. B. Barua, Ms C. Boujaklian, Ms L. Lipscombe, Mr. R. MacIver, Ms L. Toscano

Absent with Regrets: Ms A. Kerby, Professor B. Barbieri, Ms T. Ryan, Ms K. Hedrich, Mr. M. Bujold

Delegates: Ms I. Sendek replaced Mr. W. Curran, Ms C. Hedrich replaced Ms A. Vroom

Guests: Ms J. Chegrinec, Mr. C. Emond

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Feldman requested the addition of the Resolution (Adopted at the January 23 meeting) " Students Rights as Partners in the University " to the agenda under Business Arising from the Minutes.

A motion to approve the agenda , as amended, was made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Ms West. The motion was carried.

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Côté took the opportunity to congratulate the Concordia Stingers Women's Hockey Team and the Coaching staff for their outstanding performance in winning the 1st inaugural CIAU Championships. It was an extremely proud moment for Concordia.

Mr. Côté explained that as the agenda for the February meeting was light and "regrets" had been received from several members, the CCSL meeting had been deferred to March 24, 1998.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 1998

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. A. Feldman, seconded by Ms. C. Hughes. The motion was carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4a Mr. Côté indicated that as Ms C. Boujaklian was doing a presentation on Physical Resources, perhaps this item (Lighting in the Hall Building) could be addressed in the presentation. Ms Boujaklian agreed.

4b Mr. Côté announced to Council that the CCSL Awards Selection Committee was comprised of Ms C. Hughes, Professor Barbieri, Ms M. West, Mr. W. Kennedy, Mr. J. Edwards and himself as chair. He also informed Council that the nomination deadline would be extended to 9am, Monday, March 23. The CCSL Awards Reception

will be held on Friday, April 3rd at 5pm in the SGW Faculty Dining Room. Invitations have been sent out and Mr. Côté encouraged all CCSL members to participate in this important event.

4c Mr. Feldman asked for an update on the resolution "Students as Partners in the University" which was discussed and approved at the January CCSL meeting. Mr. Côté indicated the matter had been raised with the Secretary of the Board of Governors. He apologized for the delay.

5. REPORTS

5a Recreation & Athletics.

Mr. Zarins spoke briefly about the proud accomplishments of Concordia's athletic teams over the past year. Most recently, the Concordia Women's Hockey Team won the first inaugural CIAU Championship. Mr. Zarins noted that there were 3 Women's Hockey alumni who participated on Olympic teams. A presentation by Mr. L. Lawton, Coach of the Women's Hockey Team, detailed the Women's Hockey Team's road to their victory. Mr. Zarins and Mr. Lawton also took the opportunity to thank the Concordia staff for their assistance and dedication especially in dealing with the ramifications of the "Ice Storm". Mr. Côté thanked Mr. Zarins and Mr. Lawton for their presentation and on behalf of Council congratulated Mr. Lawton and the Women's Hockey for their outstanding accomplishment. A question and answer period followed. Concerns were expressed about the facilities at the Victoria Gym. Mr. Zarins agreed there are on-going problems. There are several possible scenarios that are being looked at. Mr. Côté suggested that this issue be included as an agenda item for the April CCSL meeting. Mr. Zarins agreed to have information on possible short-term solutions for discussion at that meeting. Mr. Edwards informed Council that the student representation on Council had received invitations to the Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. The price at \$60.00 per person is very expensive for students. He asked if there could be any consideration given to those students who sit on CCSL and who wished to attend this event. Mr. Côté asked if Mr. Zarins and Ms Vroom would prepare possible options. Mr. Côté assured Mr. Edwards that this issue, in consultation with the other Directors, would be addressed, in order to provide an opportunity for student representatives on CCSL to be involved in celebration activities.

5b Physical Resources

Through a series of overheads, Ms Boujaklian gave an overview of Physical Resources. She spoke about the mandate and the responsibilities of the department. As well a brief description was given on each of the service areas that fall under Physical Resources (Facilities & Planning, Maintenance, Utilities & Energy Conservation, Custodial and Distribution & Transportation). There was a brief question & answer period. Concerns were expressed whether safety procedures were being adhered to with respect to the "capacity" of the shuttle buses. Ms Boujaklian assured Council these concerns would be directed to the appropriate person for immediate attention. As well the issue of the number of shuttle buses available during the peak periods was discussed. Although it is not a popular solution, it was felt that during the peak periods, students/faculty/staff should be prepared to show a valid id to use the service. Ms Boujaklian informed Council that on each campus there is a co-ordinator who you should contact if you experience problems or have questions concerning work requests. Extension 2400 is the "hot-line" to report problems (eg broken escalators, washrooms, etc). With respect to the "clock problem", Ms Boujaklian confirmed that the system is still in the process of being tested. However, some new clocks have been installed in the Hall Building. The "relamping" of the Hall Building has unfortunately been delayed and will not

commence until Spring 1999. Mr. Côté thanked Ms Boujaklian for an informative presentation.

6. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Mr. Côté welcomed Mr. Emond to the meeting.

Mr. Edwards announced to Council that the Concordia Debating Society had won the French Nationals. He added that the Debating Society had received financial assistance from CCSL Special Projects.

Ms West questioned the cost of "photocopied books" at the Bookstore. Ms Lipscombe explained that the photocopying is not what is expensive. Where you run into expenses is when a book includes copyrighted material. The Bookstore may have had to get special permission and there are associated costs with this which, unfortunately, must get tacked on to the price. Mr. Hinton asked whether soft-covered text-books would be cheaper than hard-covered text-books. Ms Lipscombe replied that this issue has been raised before and the Publishers have consistently said that the savings would be negligible.

Mr. Kennedy took the opportunity to congratulate Counselling & Development for organizing the first ever "Arts & Science and Fine Arts Career Fair" held February 12 on the Mezzanine.

Ms West expressed concern about the Student Accounts Office in the Hall Building. She felt the department was not "user friendly"; that the area and staff could be more welcoming. Mr. Côté informed Council that the "glass" partition had been installed in response to legitimate concerns. The Accounts Office on the 5th Floor still handles "cash". As Ms Hedrich, Manager Student Accounts, was not present at this meeting, Mr. Côté agreed to bring this issue to her attention.

7. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR, MS KERBY, RECREATION & ATHLETIC BOARD
As Ms Kerby was not present, Mr. Zarins brought Council up to date. He spoke briefly about the Board's last meeting which was concerned mainly with physical resource issues. Mr. Emond was in attendance. Mr. Zarins felt that the meeting had been energetic and informative. Minutes will be circulated shortly.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Edwards raised the issue of student representation on BOG. He felt that the number of students on BOG was not high enough. Mr. Côté suggested this issue could be raised at BOG directly. However Mr. Edwards felt the motion would carry more weight if it was endorsed by CCSL. Mr. Edwards agreed to prepare a motion for the next meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Friday, April 24, 1998 at 10:00am in AD 131 (LOY01A)

10. TERMINATION OF MEETING

*A motion to terminate the meeting was made by Ms Cogger, seconded by Mr. Edwards.
The motion was carried unanimously*